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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM DURBAN DATED FEBRUARY 21, 1978
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SUBJ: ACTIVITIES OF THE AURORA CORPORATION

1. THE SOUTH AFRICAN SUNDAY PRESS JAN 29 FEATURED AN ARTICLE
DESCRIBING A PROJECT OF A US-BASED FIRM, THE AURORA CORPORATION,
TO COLONIZE A GROUP OF 20 UNINHABITED SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS WITH
IMMIGRANTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND PERHAPS FRANCE. ACCORDING
TO THE STORIES, IMMIGRANTS MUST BE PREPARED TO BEAR ARMS AND
UNDERGO DEFENSE TRAINING SINCE THE AREA IN QUESTION IS UNDER
LEGAL JURISDICTION OF AN (UNNAMED) NEIGHBOR COUNTRY WHICH,
HOWEVER, HAD REPORTEDLY NOT DEMONSTRATED ANY CONCERN OVER THE
ISLANDS. MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CORPORTATION WAS NAMED AS
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LUMAN NORTON NEVELS, A HAWAII ATTORNEY, U.S. AGENCY ADDRESS
P.O. BOX 10027, WAIALAE-KAHALA 96816, HAWAII. ARTICLE
(BEING POUCHED DEPT-AF/S) STATES AURORA HAS SOUTH AFRICAN AND
FRENCH RECRUITING OFFICES AS WELL.

2. POST HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL INQUIRIES FROM S.A. CITIZENS
REQUESTING FURTHER DETAILS AND BONA FIDES OF AURORA CORP.

WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DEPT'S ASSESSMENT OF AURORA'S
ACTIVITY INCLUDING POTENTIALFOR BECOMING INVOLVED IN
INTERNATIONAL JURISDICTIONAL PROBLEMS.
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